

October 2021

Monthly Newsletter of Augustana Lutheran

Good News from Augustana Lutheran Church



Last month we held the annual Block Party/Fiesta hosted by Augustana Lutheran Church and Pueblo de Dios. (Fun pictures included in newsletter). What a wonderful tradition and partnership between these two congregations! Thank you to the many people who made it

happen, including our siblings in Christ from Pueblo de Dios.

Prior to the party, the two congregations worshiped together. Bi-lingual worship services are beautiful. We come together to hear the message of the Gospel, share the holy meal, and be wrapped in song. Even though it's not easy to fully understand every word spoken, we know the Word of God is working and alive, a sign of the Holy Spirit among us.

As part of the worship service ALC member Jackie D. and I co-led a "Thanksgiving for Baptism." We've done versions of this during previous month worship services. It is a reminder of the ways God delivered God's people from and through the waters, and a reminder of Jesus's own baptism. In the "Thanksgiving for Baptism" we did an *aspersion*, an ancient practice of sprinkling of water on the congregation. We used tree branches (freshly cut from my own yard) to sprinkle water on members from Augustana Lutheran Church, members from Pueblo de Dios, and guests. Then we sprinkled water on the church building. Then water was sprinkled in the direction of our neighborhood and world. Let's remember this in worship, activities, and daily life.

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It is a sign of God's blessing! And, a reminder of our calling as agents of blessing in the world. The annual block party/fiesta is a sign of God's work through us, joining us together, and blessing our neighbors and members. The water sprinkled is a sign of God's blessing that is for all people.

Each week as we gather for worship we remember God's grace. And, it also prepares us for service and blessing in the world. Let's remember this in worship, activities, and daily life.

God's blessings to you today!

a word from **The Church Council**

Your church council continues to meet monthly to plan for the future of the church. We will be reviewing the Ministry Site Profile that the call committee created and taking part in the October 17th site study with Pastor Renee from the synod office. We hope you'll be there too.

This fall, we will be introducing a stewardship campaign with a focus on the future of Augustana Lutheran Church. As we move forward in the call process and our 140th year as a congregation, budgets and income play a major role. The council will be reviewing our previous giving and our 2022 budget to determine what we can afford for a permanent pastor. Your faithful giving and generous pledges are more important than ever.

Please be in touch if you have questions about any of this, and continue to pray for our congregation.



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Congregational Meeting

The Call Committee has scheduled a "Site Study" with Pastor Renee Splichal Larson on October 17 after worship.

This meeting will be conversation focused on the Ministry Site Profile paperwork for the call process.

What's Happening

See what's happening this month!



Noisy Offering-The Noisy Offering through December will go to “Necessity for Neighbors” Toilet paper, laundry detergent, diapers, and feminine hygiene products. Hygiene kits will also be included. Distribution is the 1st Sunday of the month at Peace Lutheran Church.

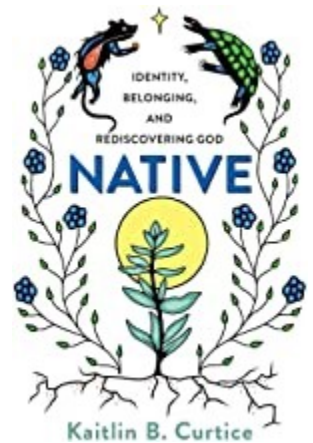


Book Discussion meets every

Wednesday from 12:00 to 1:00.

We started the book “Native: Identity, Belonging, and Rediscovering God.” by Kaitlin B Curtice on September 29.

Native is about identity, soul-searching, and the never-ending journey of finding ourselves and finding God. As both a citizen of the Potawatomi Nation and a Christian, Kaitlin Curtice offers a unique perspective on these topics. In this book, she shows how reconnecting with her Potawatomi identity both informs and challenges her faith.

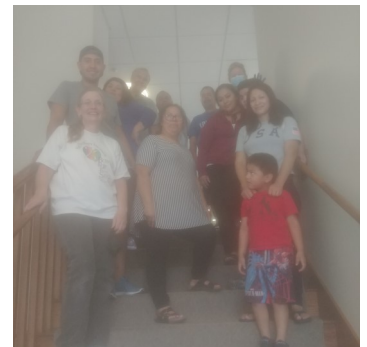


Thank You



October is Clergy Appreciation Month. We want to let Pastor Jon know how much we appreciate all that he has done here at Augustana. Sunday, October 17 is Clergy Appreciation Sunday **THANK YOU** Pastor Jon.

Thank You to all the members of Augustana & Pueblo de Dios who came & cleaned the church on Saturday, September 11. They vacuumed the carpeted areas, mopped the main Social Hall & wood floors, swept the pew cushions, deep cleaned the restrooms, cleaned several light fixtures & replaced some bulbs.



Upcoming Events

**Bazaar & Vendor Fair
has been Cancelled**



THANKSGIVING MEAL

This year it will be held on November 13, 2021.

Because of how this event has grown over the years we will have it downtown at the Multicultural Center this year. It is a larger space & we will be able to feed more people.

We are doing this in partnership with Church on the Street. Watch for sign-up sheets to help this year they will be in church & online. We will be serving cookies for dessert instead of pie this year.



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •



YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHURCH BY BUYING AND USING HYVEE CARDS to do your grocery shopping. Gift cards can be purchased on Sunday mornings, either before or after worship or call **Linda Sanden** at **413-8984** or email her at **sanden@sio.midco.net** to make arrangements. You can purchase cards in \$25, \$50, \$100. **Five percent of what you spend**



comes back to the church. Since the beginning of this program **\$24,025** has been contributed towards our day-to-day ministry expenses. The cards are very convenient to use. **Thanks to Jim and Linda Sanden** for managing the HyVee card's fund.



With Deepest Sympathy

To Kevin & Patty Kase. Patty's mother passed away on 8/31/20.

A private family service was help on 9/3/21 at Miller Funeral Home.

Donation

Kathy McConnell donated \$50 to the church. Her Grandmother was baptized At Augustana Lutheran in the 1880's.



Frank Alvine 10/08

Lara Suing 10/16

Linda Sanden 10/25

Kendra Stellingwerf 10/26



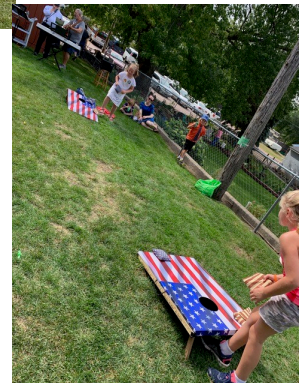
CONGRATULATIONS

Jacob & Taylor Tesch

Jacob & Taylor were married here at Augustana on September 18, Jacob is the son of Bill & Chris Tesch.



BLOCK PARTY/FIESTA





Sun					Fri	Sat
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3 10:00am - Worship Online Worship on Facebook & ALC Website 12:30pm - Pueblo de Dios Worship	4 630pm ALC Church Council	5	6 12 Noon - 1:00pm - Zoom Book Discussion 6:00 - 8:00pm Pueblo de Dios Bible Study	7	8	9
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Ongoing Servant Ministry Projects @ ALC

FOOD-TO-YOU -

On Thursday, September 16 starting at 6 p.m. Food-To-You will do a drive-up distribution of food. We will not be providing a meal at this time. October is Cereal (any kind). November will be Peanut Butter.



Toilet Paper and Hygiene Items are Always Needed.

Women's Ministry

Augustana Lutheran Church Women ALCW and QUILTERS

- ◆ Quilting - Is not meeting at this time.
- ◆ The ALCW is not meeting at this time.



Shower Your Church with Blessings!!

If you would like to bless the church, in-kind donations needed are:

**White and Colored Copy Paper,
Postage (regular, extra ounce, postcard -
we have been going through a lot of
postage.**

Toilet Paper

Your gifts make a big difference!

AUGUST FINANCIAL DATA

RECEIPTS

Offerings for Operating Fund	\$ 8,145.00
Offerings for Building Fund	\$ 1,850.00
Noisy Offering <i>(designated for Bishop Dudley House)</i>	\$ 30.57
Use of Facility	\$ 125.00
Fundraising <i>(Rummage/Bake Sale & HyVee cards)</i>	\$ 955.95
World Hunger Appeal	\$ 20.00
Coffee Fellowship	\$ 11.00
Mission Partner <i>(Memorial Lutheran - Pierre)</i>	\$ 200.00
Pueblo de Dios	\$ 350.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 11,687.52

EXPENSES PAID

ELCA Missions & World Hunger	\$ 125.00
Internet Hosting & Zoom expenses	\$ 39.56
Office Supplies	\$ 110.00
Utilities	\$ 910.29
Insurance	\$ 754.83
Maintenance / Repair	\$ 1,537.94
Staff Support	\$ 4,519.10
Mortgage Payment	\$ 2,000.00
Bank Fees / Finance Charges	\$ 40.23
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 10,036.95

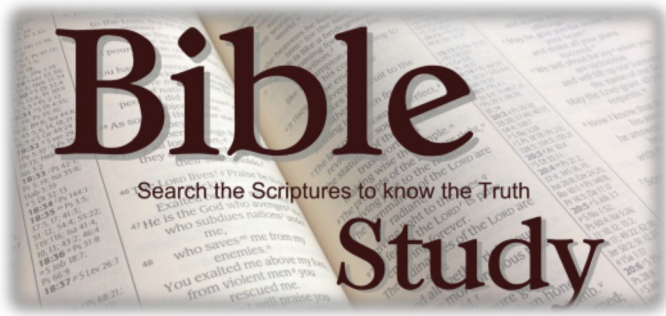
**Balance remaining on the mortgage:
\$30,604.04**

Per our request, the church loan with the Mission Investment Fund has been re-amortized to lower the monthly payments. Beginning in

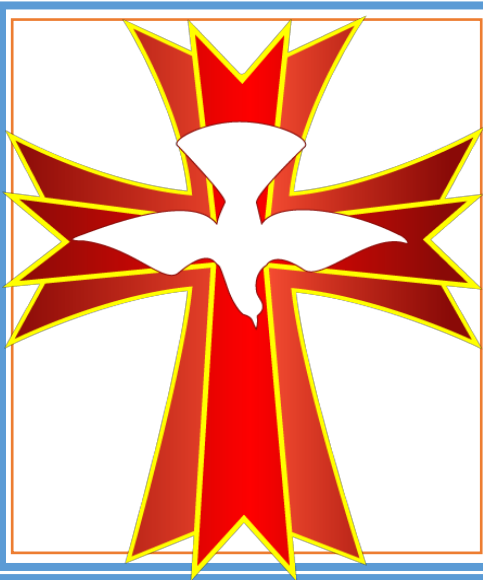
October, mortgage payments will be reduced to \$904 per month.

Note that this will extend the life of the loan until August 2024.

We can, however, make larger payments whenever funds allow.



**SCRIPTURE READINGS
FOR
September**



October 3, 2021
19th Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 10:2-16
Genesis 2:18-25
Psalm 128

October 10, 2021
20th Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 10:2-16
Amos 5:6-7;. 10-16
Psalm 90:12-17

October 17, 2021
21st Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 10:23-31
Ecclesiastes 5:10-20
Psalm 119:9-16

October 24, 2021
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 10:23-31
Jeremiah 31:7-9
Psalm 126

October 31, 2021
Reformation

Mark 11:12-19
Revelations 14:6-7
Psalm 46



From the Bishop's Desk

Partners in ministry across South Dakota,

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! - I would like to use this opportunity to invite you to our "Fall Leadership Night". Please, join us on Zoom for an evening with your ministry partners. We had a zoom gathering for leaders

in the Spring, over 100 congregation leaders gathered to spend an hour discerning and learning "I have been elected to council, now what?" This fall we hope to gather as many lay and rostered leaders to think about stewarding the church into the future. Representatives from Portico, Lutheran Planned Generosity will join your synod staff in a 1 1/2 hour interactive time with you.

I understand that Zoom is not everyone's favorite way to meet, but we can invite many partners around the table that we would not be able to gather into a physical space, because they are spread out. As we move into the future, strengthening our partnership and relationship with those that journey with us is essential and the truth is that not all partners are close to where we are in physical location. What matters is that we all focus on the same thing proclaiming the Living Word and hope that is found in Christ alone. And yes, that may need to look different than it did a few years ago. But if we believe God is at work in HIS church and is at the heart of what we do and believe, we can pivot. I have full trust in the people of the South Dakota Synod. Therefore mark your calendars for Sunday, October 10th from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. A zoom link will be sent to all those who register. You can access the registration link via the synod's webpage sdsynod.org/layleader. And as always, spread the word in a good way let's go "viral" with the leaders' night.

Journeying in Christ with you,

Rev. Constanze Hagmaier

Bishop of the South Dakota Synod, ELCA

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8:00 am - Tuesday, October 19

- Emailing/Mailing/Distribution will be the week of October 25



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